VERMONT NEWS

A Gruesome Tale from Benson. Without doubt one of the greatest Ruland county over 50 years ago s just been fathomed. One day last week while George P. Norton and son, ank, were returning from the wilds of pond, near Lake Champlain, after day's hunt, says the Plattsburg Press, discovered in a thickly wooded on on the side of a mountain a all cave. Its peculiar condition oused the curiosity of Norton, who diately made an investigation. ing a lantern, they made their way the cave. They had gone less than feet in the side of the mountain when er came upon the remains of a skele-A pair of handcuffs were tightly sped about the wrists, a chain atasked to a post nearby evidently had ached to a post nearby evidently had sen fastened to the handcuffs, a gold pen instruct a small locket or fob tached was found also. In the locket as a small daguerreotype, and the inon: "Matilda Moss, 1857."

Now it will be remembered by many of older inhabitants that a family by sturopike near what is now called ont's bridge. This tavern was very rge, the third floor being used entirely dance hall. During the winter ths, dances were held nearly every Many a light heart and foot ed to the tune of "Money Musk" in famous old tavern. The last dance was held Christmas eve, 1858.

On this particular night, as the story stelated by one of the Benson villagers, ne of the largest dances ever held in that vicinity was in progress. Matilda Moss, a tall handsome brunette, was the belle of the evening. She was admired for her beauty, and great attention was own her by a man named Isaac Terrill, whom John Moss, her husband, became exceedingly jealous. A free-for-all fight ensued which resulted in the breaking up of the dance. That was the last ever seen of Matilda Moss. A few days ater Moss reported that his wife had nitted snicide by jumping into the er. The authorities became suspicious and began an investigation. The matter ras soon dropped and John Moss fled be country. It is now considered cerin that Moss took his wife, after the lance that evening, to this old cave, and and chained her to this post, and here let her slowly starve to death.

State Aid for Libraries.

In order to increase the efficiency of the public library of Vermont by aiding lace the best books before its citizens, cularly the young and thus giving to the cause of free public education, has been empowered by the Legislature hose free public libraries that are competently serving the inhabitants of the towns in which they are located.

In addition to the hundred dollars ablishment, section 4 of the new law reals as follows :- "Said board may, in liscretion, assist free public libraries sollows: If a town whose grand list sive of polls does not exceed ten sand dollars, through its library nates satisfies the said board that it has a free public library or libraries, which are doing practical and efficient work for the public benefit and are rendusful assistance to the public is of such town, the board may exalsoch amounts at such times as they y determine, not exceeding one hundollars annually, for the purchase books for such tree public library or ries owned and controlled by such wn. The total amount expended by board of library commissioners, der this section, shall not exceed one sand dollars for a year."

locarry this provision into effect the tate board of library commissioners as adopted rules that will insure assisther to each free public library which tishes the board that it is making self useful in the public schools and to e different sections of the town where s located.

Further particulars may be had of any member of the board or its secretary: M. M. Wilson, Randolph; Mrs. W. P. mith, St. Johnsbury; Mrs. C. M. Wins-ow, Brandon; E. M. Goddard, Monter; Miss Fannie B. Fletcher, Proctorsle; Miss Frances Hobart, Cambridge,

Woodstock School Troubles.

Trouble between the school board and ligh school principal at Woodstock, was used when Mr. Wiggin expelled Philip asom for impudence, and considerable g resulted. An agreement was that the boy should return to ool at the beginning of next term. ien a change was made in the school and the new board voted that som resume his studies March 15. action was taken apparently withconsulting Mr. Wiggin and when he ned of what had been done, he aptly handed in his resignation. A is meeting was held and a commitwas appointed to confer with the bers of the school board and the It was a vote to reconsider their L. H. Morgan, a new member the board, said that he did not before erstand that the old board had once mously agreed to support Principal ggin in the case of the Ransom boy, herwise he would not have east his te that precipitated the trouble. The cansom boy will be reinstated next term.

A Pensioner of 1812. Mrs. Adeline Currier, who died at Richord, March 12, was a pensioner of the ar of 1812 and probably the only one this part of the state. She was born the year 1812, but married a veteran that war who was fifteen years older an herself, being his second wife. Her shand served at Fort Constitution, rismouth, N. H., without pay, and on the war closed walked with some rades to their home in Enheld, N. H., having the price of a ride, begging ed on the way and sleeping in barns. ring the Civil War, Mrs. Currier's sonlaw, Capt. J. N. Culver, was at Portsath for a time on detached service and he time of the War with Spain, Leon Young, the husband of a granddaughwas serving as a clerk in the Portsouth navy yard. On her mother's side rs. Currier had a grandfather who died

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at the age of 99, and a grandmother who died when 94 years old. On her father's side an aunt lived to be 99 years and seven months old. This taken with Mrs. Currier's age, only seventeen days short of 97 years, constitutes a remarkable record in longevity.

Bank Returns. The returns to the saving banks and trust companies in Vermont have been made to the State Treasurer. The returns indicate that the taxes for the business done by the savings bank in the six months ending December 13, 1908, will be \$144,376.40, against \$142,478.92 in the six months ending June 30, 1908, while the trust companies have made returns for \$71,105.95, against \$66,646.13 for the six months ending June 30, 1908. The total amount paid to the treasurer for the year of 1908 by the savings banks will be \$215,-482.35 while the Trust companies will pay \$209,125.50 for the same length of time. The total amount of taxes paid in 1908 by the savings bank is \$424,607.40 \$402,479.76.

There are 22 savings banks and 26 trust companies making a total of 48 state banks which paid taxes last year. The Northfield Trust company commenced business March 1st, making a total of 49 state banks at the present time.

Optometry Examining Board. On May 12, 1909 a meeting of the Vermont Board of Examiners in Optometry will be held at the Brooks House, Brattleboro, for the purpose of taking action upon the applications for exemption cer-tificates. On June 16 and 17 the board will meet in Montpelier for the purpose | their patient. of examining all elegible applicants desiring to commence the practice of opto-metry in the state, under restrictions of the law of January 9, 1909. No person not a holder of a certificate of registracorded, shall, after the 1st day of July, 1909, practice optometry within this state. It is especially requested by the board that all applications for exemption certificates be properly filled out, verified and promptly returned to the secretary before May 12, thus avoiding delay and additional expense of another meeting. Application blanks for exemption or exmination can be obtained from A. S. Haskins, secretary, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Washington's New Judge of Probate, Gov. G. H. Prouty has appointed Frank J. Martin of Barre to be judge of probate for the district of Washington to fill out the unexpired term of Hiram Carleton, deceased, or until December 1, 1910. This appointment was not unexpected as it was generally understood that the choice lay between Judge Martin and F. P. Carleton of Montpelier, son the state board of library commissioners of the deceased judge. Mr. Martin studied law with the Hon, Frank Plumof 1908 to give assistance annually to ley of Northfield and with Hiram A. Huse of Montpelier. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1890, and since that time has been in active practice in Barre. worth of books which may be given at stablishment, section 4 of the new law.

This office carries with it a salary of prison.

\$1,400 a year. Judge Martin will at Hon. once enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office which have been conducted since Judge Carleton's death by M. E. Smilie, clerk of Washington county | C. Stickney.

Look Out for Silk Swindlers.

Two men representing themselves to Portland Me., approached E.A. Thomas stroyed with a property loss of \$60,000 horses 4 year old or over, left to the plausbile offer to him to become agent for their goods but a man who had seen in the newspapers that some men representing themselves to be silk agents had proved fakirs called Mr. Thomas' attenthe latter telephoned to Portland and small son. learned that no such firm had headquarters in that city. When the salesmen were questioned they had no reasons to give for their act, and immediately left town, not putting in their time at Bethel, where they had a sale advertised. Similar agents have swindled parties in Charleston and Island Pond and tried to work Newport.

New Secret Order.

A branch of the Order of the Grotto, a secret society new to Vermont, will be organized in Kutland in the near future. About 25 men have already agreed to join and it is expected that Supreme Monarch McGregory, who is a professor at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. will initiate the veiled knights. The charter given Rutland will have jurisdiction over the entire state. The Grotto bears about the same relation to master Masonry that the Mystic Shrine does to the Knights Templar and the 32 degree

Judge Miles Lectures Jurymen.

A little sensation was caused in Orleans county court at Newport Thurs day by the discovery that two jurors had been talking with a third party about a forest fire in Irasburg and comparing it with the fire which destroyed the sigar orchard of John J. Kilby, who is suing Dr. C. L. Erwin for damages. One little point was lacking in the evidence and but for that the case would have been broken. As it was Judge W. W. Miles gave the jury a sound lecturing and with the consent of the parties allowed the case to go on.

Deer in Village Street.

An unusually large number of deer has been seen in the vicinity of Enosburg Falls lately, but the climax came last week when a doe weighing about 150 pounds, followed a team into the village and traversed the streets for some time, but was finally chased away by dogs. Later someone reported that a doe answering to the description of this one had fallen from the bridge abutment at West Enosburg and had been killed. The local game warden, Jerome Hathaway, was notified and took charge of the car-

A new company of the Vermont National Guard was mustered in at Woodstock Thursday evening with 52 members. The company will be Company G, 1st Vt. Inf. The officers of the new company, which takes the place of the one disbanded at Bradford, are: Captain, E. A. Spear; first lieutenant, J S. Brownell; second lieutenant, Karl A

A new grand stand is to be built on the grounds at Morrisville this spring by the Lamoille Valley Fair Ground Co. It will be 192 feet long and will seat

2,000 people. Aaron P. Youtt was found dead in his room at the Hotel Logan, Middlebury, Wednesday afternoon by Wilbur Hamil-ton, a fellow boarder. He was 77 years oldland was a Civil War veteran.

Lyman Howe of Essex Junction, celebrated his 97th St. Patrick's day by taking an electric car trip to Burlington.

In Bennington village meeting March 16 Fred C. Martin, a clerk in the office of the Holden-Leonard company mill, defeated George M. Hawkes, son of Bennington's only millionaire, 613 to 215.

The oldest dealers in the Boston market are marvelling over the fowls which have come in from a well known poultry raiser in Burlington. They weigh as much as turkeys, are only a little over a year old, and are very tender, and, with even these points to recommend them, they are selling for 22 cents a pound. These fowls, which are called Black Cochin hens, weigh from eleven to twelve and one-half pounds, and because turkeys are hard to get just now and are not of very good quality, the demand for the fowls exceeds the supply.

Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, will hold their department encampment in Burlington, May 12 and 13, in connection with that of the G. A. R. There are 23 camps with 657 members.

Edward J. Morin has been handed the while the trust companies have paid It lacked only one ounce of weighing a argest lemon ever seen in Burlington. bound and was nearly as big in circumference as a musk melon. He did not feel badly about it, however, for it was sent to him by some friends, who are wintering in Florida, as a token of remembrance, rather than what the word lemon signifies.

Miss Mildred, youngest daughter of Congressman Foster, was operated upon for appendicitis, Wednesday, at George Washington University hospital, Washington. The operation was suc-cessful, and the result gratifying. The doctors expect the speedy recovery of

Frank Huard, of Burlington, has a Japanese coin, which is believed to be 600 years old. It was found in a collection of coins which belonged to his not a holder of a certificate of registra-tion or exemption, duly issued and re-corded shall ofter the let day of believe the size of an English half-penny. In the collection are many other coins, among them being an Irish piece which is over 100 years old.

Ferdinand H. Pease of Burlington, who has been private secretary of United States Senator William P. Dillingham, has been promoted to the position of clerk of the Senate committee on immigration, to succeed Paul Dillingham. Rev. Charles V. Grismer of Plattsburg

Methodist church at Burlington. Mrs. Nancy E. Puffer, 92 years old,

died March 15 at Brattleboro. Gov. Prouty has pardoned Charles L. Galusha of Bennington and Joseph Mears of Sandgate. Galusha, was sentenced in 1907 for two offences of a minimum of 15 years at hard labor in the state prison. Mears of Sandgate was convicted, in 1902, of attempting to kill Philander Moffit by mixing poison with his food, and was sentenced to not more than 15 years or less than 12 years

Hon. A. P. Hunton of Bethel, 93 years old, is the oldest member of the Vermont bar, having practiced law for 72 years. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. W. B.

The Rutland county fair will be held September 1, 2 and 3. Fair Haven suffered a disastrous fire be advertisers for the Novelty Silk Co., March 16. The Knight block was de- year old colts \$50; yearlings \$35 each;

Rev. Aubrey C. Gilmore of Hulls Cove. Me., has accepted the call to become rector of Grace church, Randolph Center, and of St. John's church, Randolph, and will enter upon his rectorship soon after tion to the matter with the result that | Easter, April 11. He has a wife and one

> The stockholders of the National White River Bank at Bethel have voted to reduce the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000. The reason of this reduction is that owing to the large amount of money on deposit in the bank the institution will have ample funds for conducting its business and meeting all local calls with the lesser amount of capital stock.

The Brattleboro Board of Trade beat the Woman's Club in a big spelling match the other night and the individual credit goes to John E. Gale of Guilford, who for a long time was obliged to spell five times as many words as those competing against him. Mrs. Howard C. Rice mis-spelled "galleried" and Mr. Gale spelled it correctly, thereby winning the princi-pal prize of \$10 in gold. The object of the match, for the civic improvement of Brattleboro, filled the house.

Mrs. Esther Gouchoe, 96 years old, died Friday at Rutland. She was born at Cote de Neige, P. Q., and married in 1831 to Francis X. Gouchoe. She has had 11 children, six of whom are living. She also has 37 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren and one great-great-grand-

Rev. Dr. A. L. Cooper of Randolph, one of the most widely known Methodist ministers in Vermont, reached his 85th birthday March 15 and the forenoon found him in his accustomed place at the Federated church service. Dr. Cooper has rallied from a slight attack of pneumonia this winter and now appears to have regained much of his strength and oldtime vigor.

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A druggist here at home, when asked, stated that he could either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as

Vanderine



has been called to become pastor of the Listers' Appraisal.

A meeting of the listers of Caledonia county was held at the town clerk's office March 20, with listers present from the following towns: Waterford, for the benefit of all who are interested burglary to a maximum of 16 years and Barber; Burke, B. W. Streeter; Barnet. B. S. Dow, R. C. Rowell; Danville, S. K. Huse, F. B. Ainsworth, H. T. Dole; Hardwick, C. S. Cobb, A. W. Norcross; Peacham, A. W. Hastings, M. Farrow, E. D. Somers; Wheelock, E. J. Jeffers; Lyndon, H. O. Allen; Ryegate, C. M. of hard labor at the Windsor state Wallace, C. S. McLam; Kirby, L. J Nickerson, Arthur Davis, E. M. Quimby St. Johnsbury, D. M. Bacon, Charles N. Whitney, Charles Ross, They agreed on the following as a basis of appraisal: Oxen 4 cents lb., live weight; 3 year old steers at an average of \$25 each; 2 year old heifers \$20 each; yearlings \$10 each,

and cows at \$25 each. Horses, 3 year old colts \$75 each; 2 udgment of listers Sheep, \$5 a head; wool 20 cents a

Hens 40 cents each in flocks of 50 or

Hogs, fat hogs, shoats sows, on a & cents lb. basis. Bees, at \$3 per hive with an allowance of 1/2 for shrinkage.

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per M; wood 4 foot green at \$4.00 per cord with a variation according to locality. The matters of automobiles left to

the law recently enacted.

Bank stocks, First National of St. ohnsbury, \$96 per share; Merchants National \$90 per share; Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co., at \$75 per share; Danville, Caledonia National, \$49; Lyndonville National, \$96; Hardwick, Newbury, Barton, Newport, Capitol of Montpelier, Peoples of Brattleboro, Island Pond, Derby Line, all at \$100 per

Riley and the Scotchman.

Eugene Field was fond of relating

the following story of James Whitcomb Riley: "To beguile the tediousness of the return voyage from Europe it was proposed to give a concert in the saloon of the ship, an entertainment to which all capable of amusing their fellow passengers should con tribute. Mr. Riley was asked to recite

some of his original poems, and of course he cheerfully agreed to do so. Among the number present at this midocean entertainment, over which the Rev. Myron Reed presided, were two Scotchmen, very worthy gentlemen, en route from the Land o' Cakes to the land of biscuits upon a tour of investigation. These twain shared the enthusiasm with which the auditors applauded Mr. Riley's charming recitations. They marveled that so versatile a genius could have lived in a land reputed for uncouthness and savagery,

"Is it no wonderfu', Donald," remarked one of these Scots, "that a tradesman suid be sic a bonnie poet?" "And is he indeed a tradesman?" asked the one.

"Indeed he is," answered the other. "Did ye no hear the dominie intryjuce him as the Hoosier poet? Just think of it, mon-just think of sic a gude poet dividing his time making hoo-

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On Saturday, April 3 the Boston Evening Transcript will contain a vast Pythian Building, amount of matter of special interest to purchase or to rent; and of more than usual interest to people desiring to buy or hire city, suburban or country properties of various classes. The real estate agents are being called upon earlier this year than has been the custom in the past, for estates in desirable centers, and the demand seems to more than equal the supply. The opportunity for giving publicity to properties of all descriptions through the medium of a newspaper like the Boston Transcript in the issue of April 3 will surely not pass unheeded. Builders of new houses, property owners who are desirous of selling or exchanging their holdings, agents and others will not permit such a chance to pass by. The "Real Estate" and "Houses for the Summer" advertisements of that date will be of great interest. Each class will be placed under respective headings if received in good season for publication.

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An instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary J. McLeod, late of St. Johnsbury in said district, deceased, being presented to Court by Angus H. McLeod, the Executor therein named, for Probate: It is ordered by said Court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said Court, to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, on the 27th day of March A. D. 1909, and show cause if any they may have, against the Probate of said Will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record, of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johns-MARY I. MCLEOD'S ESTATE. ly in the CALEDONIAN, printed at St. Johns-bury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.

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